

Chapter 1: Design Process

From concept to launch, creating a Web site is a complex process. First, determine what purpose you need your site to serve. Second, determine how you will achieve it. A successful site is created by a clear and comprehensive plan supported by all team members.

1:1 Define your mission

Create a comprehensive mission statement for your Web site.

1:2 Define your site specification

The complete site specification should contain the goals statement from the mission statement phase as well as the structural details of the site.

1:3 Establish User Requirements

Determine the functionality that best meets the needs of your users.

1:4 Set Usability Goals

Define performance goals for designers to consider when building the site architecture.

1:5 Perform Usability Analysis

Decide how you will measure the performance of your Web site prior to launch.

1:6 Be Easily Found on the Web

Ensure your user can find your site using search engines.